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State revokes, suspends licenses, certifications, registrations of health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has revoked or suspended the licenses, certifications, or registrations of health care providers in our state. The department has also immediately suspended the credentials of people who have been prohibited from practicing in other states.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency's website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the <u>Department of Health home page</u> (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Benton County

In March of 2011 the Board of Pharmacy suspended for at least one year the credential of pharmacist **Jason L. Schick** (PH00022176), who failed to comply with the terms of an earlier stipulation.

In March of 2011 the Department of Health permanently revoked the certified nursing assistant credential of **Phiengchai P. Sisouvanh**, also known as **Phiengchai Sisouvanh Synhavong** (NC10089395), who was convicted in Benton County Superior Court of aggravated first-degree murder.

Clark County

In March of 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program withdrew the July 2010 statement of charges without prejudice against registered nursing assistant **Michelle L. Dillon** (NA00200404).

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Ferry County

In March of 2011 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission suspended for at least two years the registered nursing credential of **Karen A. Marshall** (RN00130960), who failed to comply with terms of an earlier stipulation.

Grays Harbor County

In March of 2011 the Department of Health indefinitely suspended the registered nursing assistant credential of **Lula Elsie Matthynssens** (NA60064628), who failed to comply with terms of an earlier agreement.

King County

In March of 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended for at least 18 months the credential of registered nursing assistant **Pa Matarr Drammeh** (NA00198183). Drammeh entered into a voluntary stay of proceedings in municipal court for an arrest on suspicion of third-degree theft.

In March of 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended for at least two years the credential of registered nursing assistant **Nola Harb** (NA60072421), who failed to comply with a previous agreement.

In March of 2011 the Counselor Program suspended for at least two years the credential of chemical dependency professional **Atwood N. Robertson** (CP00005867), who failed to comply with the terms of an earlier agreed order.

In March of 2011 the Department of Health indefinitely suspended the nursing assistant credential of **Nkole E. Mola** (NA00198840) because Mola forcefully subdued an adult family home patient, causing an inadvertent choking episode.

In March of 2011 the Department of Health suspended for at least 20 years the nursing assistant credential of **Alesha Kay Lair** (NA60121796), who was convicted in King County Superior Court of first-degree theft, a class B felony.

In March of 2011 the Department of Health suspended for at least 18 months the registered nursing assistant credential of **Asnakech T. Ejeta** (NA00199313). Ejeta left a physically disabled adult patient sitting in his own feces for about two hours.

Kittitas County

In March of 2011 the Counselor Program indefinitely suspended the chemical dependency professional trainee credential of **Kibra Sharlene Baldwin**, also known as **Kibra McClinton-Lowe** (CO60155320), who failed to comply with an agreement to practice.

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In March of 2011 the Department of Health suspended for at least 42 months the health care assistant credential of **Scott A. Kjorsvik** (HC00150585). He tested positive for alcohol and methadone after appearing intoxicated and impaired during his shift at a hospital.

Pierce County

In March of 2011 the Health Care Assistant Program entered into an agreed order with health care assistant **Roshele G. Barber** (HC00153605) in which her credential is suspended for at least one year. Barber was convicted in Pierce County Superior Court of one count of forgery of a prescription, a felony.

In March of 2011 the Department of Health suspended for at least two years the nursing assistant credential of **Edna W. Dizon** (NA00165264), who struck and yelled at a patient.

Snohomish County

In March of 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program permanently revoked the credential of certified nursing assistant **Julie J. Kirwan** (NC10095083). Kirwan was convicted in Skagit County Superior Court of two counts of second-degree assault with a deadly weapon.

In March of 2011 the Department of Health suspended for at least three years the nursing assistant credential of **Trisda Barber** (NA00188835). Barber left a bathroom after leaving a patient in a bathtub and turning on the water for the patient's shower. Barber returned to the bathroom to find the tub full of water, and the patient submerged with no respiration or heartbeat.

In March of 2011 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission suspended for at least one year the credential of licensed practical nurse **Vivian D. Bethea** (00051245). Bethea failed to document the administration of medication, failed to give a patient oxygen because she couldn't find an oxygen tank, and failed to properly administer antibiotics to a patient.

In March of 2011 the Department of Health suspended for at least five years the nursing assistant credential of **Patricia A. Goodwill** (NA00154824), who was convicted in King County Superior Court of second-degree criminal mistreatment, a class C felony, in connection with the care of a patient at an adult family home she operated.

Spokane County

In March of 2011 the Department of Health suspended for at least five years the emergency medical technician credential of **William Banks** (ES01176207), who was convicted in Spokane County Superior Court of third-degree child rape, a Class C felony.

Thurston County

In February of 2011 the Board of Nursing Home Administrators accepted the surrender of the credential of **Helen June Nelson** (NH00000991), who failed to comply with a previous order.

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Walla Walla County

In April of 2011 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission indefinitely suspended the registered nursing credential of **Sharon K. Schiller** (RN00136554). Schiller failed to comply with a previous agreement.

Out of State

British Columbia: In March of 2011 the Veterinary Board of Governors indefinitely suspended the veterinary credential of **Hakam Singh Bhullar** (VT00004783) after the British Columbia Veterinary Medical Association prohibited him from practicing in that province.

Mississippi: In March of 2011 the Radiologic Technologist Program entered into an agreed order with radiologic technologist **Myra Welch** (RT00007651) in which her credential is indefinitely suspended. Welch failed to comply with terms of a monitoring contract.

Ohio: In March of 2011 the Board of Nursing Home Administrators withdrew the December 2010 statement of charges without prejudice against **Peter P. Merritt** (NH60043832).

Oregon: In March of 2011 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission suspended the registered nursing credential of **Jessica A. Scharf** (RN00153752) until the Oregon State Board of Nursing reinstates her suspended credential to practice in that state.

Oregon: In March of 2011 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission immediately suspended the registered nursing credential of **Heather K. Pemberton** (RN60023461) after she surrendered her Arizona credential to practice to the Arizona State Board of Nursing.

Oregon: In March of 2011 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission indefinitely suspended the registered nursing credential of **Ann M. Harding** (RN00055230) after she surrendered to the Oregon State Board of Nursing her credential to practice in that state.

Florida: In March 2011 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission indefinitely suspended the license of registered nurse **Donna E. Werner** (RN00093054). Werner failed to comply with a previous order.

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